AN ASTROLOGICALL JVDGEMENT VPON HIS MAJESTIES Present Martch:

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Ludit in humanis divina potentia rebus.

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To the Friendly and Judicious Readers.

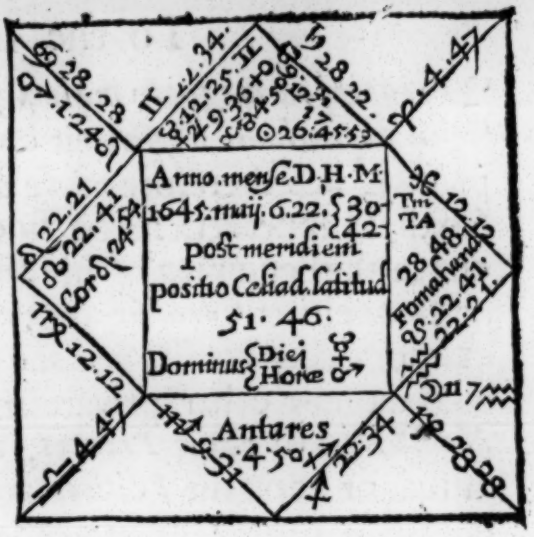
YOU have here (at the requeſt of ſome *Honourable Perſonages*) *an Aſtrologicall judgement*, upon the future ſucceſſe of His *Majeſties* preſent *Martch* begun the ſeventh of *May* Inſtant. It is delivered in *Generall* Termes, for I neither will nor dare deſcend to *Particulars*: that would require the knowledge of many things, beſides His *Majeſties Nativity*, which I may not preſume to meddle with; It being in it ſelfe both unlawfull and very dangerous to publiſh any thing concerning the particular fortunes and Deſtinies of *Princes*. For this *Thraſybulus*, *Aſcletarion* and *Gauricus*, were much to blame; the firſt whereof foretold the Deſtruction of *Tiberius* the *Emperour*; the ſecond, of *Domitian*; the third, of *Bentivola* in *Bononia*: So likewiſe the *Prieſt* that cauſed the Rumour of the future *Murthering* of *Galeacius Sfortia Duke* of *Millaine*, who were all of them worthily rewarded for their folly. And ſo ought Maſter *Lilly* and Maſter *Booker* to be for their pernicious Pamphlets, wherein their ſole endeavour hath hitherto been by moſt diſloyall and ambiguous Phraſes to animate and haſten on the *Rebels* and other *Conſpirators* to plot and attempt *Miſchiefe* againſt His *Majeſty*, whereas an honeſt and diſcreet Artiſt ought not to divulge any thing (eſpecially of *Princes*) that may any way tend to endanger their Perſons, but either not to meddle at all, or elſe to deale privately with the *Prince* himſelfe; and then alſo to adhere to *Cardanes* Rules in his Book *De aſtrologicis Interogationibus*:

Principi

"*Principi ne magnum malum firmiter unquam prædixeris,*
"*ſed periculum.* Howbeit *Cardane* himſelfe dealt more plainly, and therefore more dangerouſly with *Edward* the Sixth, as appeareth in the *Judicials* of his *Nativity* given out in the beginning of his *Duodecim Illuſtres Genituræ.*

But neither *Cardane* (notwithſtanding he was a man of extraordidary credit) nor any other perſonall example can warrant any other private men to intermeddle with the *Nativities* of their *Princes*, otherwiſe then is before limited, or upon the *Princes* ſpeciall command. And yet if in this reſpect or any other the Art happen to be abuſed by ſome *Spurij* (*non veri filij*) *Artis*, it hath but the ſame fortune that other Arts and Sciences have: And the Lawyers Rule is, That *abuſus non tollit uſum.* The bounds of which limitation I preſume I have not any way exceeded in this Diſcourſe, which be pleaſed to accept as followeth.

A Celestiall Scheame, or Figure setting forth exactly the true position and state of the Heavens at the time his Majesty began his Martch.



Fortitudes and Debilities of the Planets, according to their *scituation in the Figure.*

Saturnes Fortitudes by reason of his

Being in his terme.	2
In the 9. House.	2
Direct.	4
Swift.	2
Orientally.	2
Free from Combustion.	5
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Weake by reason of his fall.	4

Jupiters Fortitudes.

In his Terme.	2
Decade.	1
Tenth House.	5
Direct.	4
Swift.	2
Freedome from Combustion.	5
	19
Debilitated by reason of his detriment.	5
Under the Sun-beams.	4

Mars his Fortitudes.

Direct.	4
Swift.	2
Freedome from Comb.	2
	8

Debilites.

Peregrine.	5
In the twelfth.	5
Occidentall.	2
	12

Fortitudes of the Sun.

In the tenth House.	5

Debilities.

Peregine.	5
Slow in motion.	2
	7

Venus her Fortitudes.

In her House.	5
Triplicity.	3
In the tenth House.	5
Direct.	4
Swift.	2
Free from Comb.	5
Occidentall.	2
	26

Debilities.

In ♂ with Cap. Algol.	5
Under the Sun-beams.	4
	9

Mercury his Fortitudes.

In his House.	5
Triplicy.	3
In the tenth House.	5
Direct.	4
Swift.	2
Free from Comb.	5
	24.

Debilities.

Occidentall.	2

The Moon her Fortitudes.

Free from Comb.	5

Debilities.

Peregrine.	5
In the sixth House.	4
Slow in motion.	2
Decreasing in light.	2
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An Aſtrologicall Judgement upon His MAIESTIES Martch.

BY this diſtribution the *Fortitudes* and *Debilities* of every Planet in the precedent Cœleſtiall Scheme are eaſily gathered: It followes then that we likewiſe confer them amongſt themſelves according to the reſpective Numbers of their *Fortitudes* and *Debilities*; that it may yet more manifeſtly appear, which of them are moſt ſtrong and fortunate, which moſt weak and infortunat, and accordingly how they ſucceed one another in ſtrength and power.

Firſt then, the Planet *Mercury* of all the reſt is ſimply moſt ſtrong and fortunate in the Scheme. For if the number of his *Debilities* be deducted from the ſum of his *Fortitudes* there ſtill remaineth 22 Teſtimonies of ſtrength, which no other Planet obtaineth in the *Figure*.

The next in dignity is *Venus*, who hath 17 Teſtimonies; then *Saturne* and *Jupiter*, who are both very powerfull; the firſt of them being endued with 13 the latter with 10 *Dignities*: *Mars* and the *Sunne* are both but weake in reſpect of their *Eſſentiall Dignities*: yet for ſome Circumſtances very conſiderable in this caſe, the *Sunne* may be ſaid to be the ſtronger, which being generally taken is a good and laudable token.

The *Moone* of all others is the moſt debilitated, her *Detriments* exceeding her *Fortitudes* by 8, which will prove very advantagious to His Majeſty, as hereafter ſhall be noted. And thus much generally touching the conſtitution of the Planets in the *Figure*.

Now to deſcend more particularly to the preſent matter: We are (in this caſe) principally to conſider foure things.

Firſt, the *Aſcendent* of the *Scheme*, which is the *Significator* of the *City* from whence his *Maieſty* began his *March*: From which houſe we are to collect the condition and ſtate of this City during his *Maieſties* abſence.

Secondly, the 10 *Houſe*, which (according to *Haly*) is the *Significatrix* of the journey: And from this we are to deduce our judgement of his *Maieſties* ſucceſſe during the time of his *March*.

The *third* thing to be conſidered is the 7 *Houſe*, by which we are to judge how his *Maieſty* is likely to be received in thoſe parts where his Army ſhall paſſe, and of his ſucceſſe againſt the Enemy.

And *Laſtly*, the *fourth Houſe*; whereby we are to informe our ſelves of his *Maieſties* ſucceſſe in the return.

"*Vnde ſi quis iſtorum locorum melior, & fortunatior fuerit factus, ſignificat bonitatem in illa ſua ſignificatione: Et ſi quis fuerit malè afflatus & uccens, ſignificat damnum in illa ſua ſignificatione. Vid. Haly, pag.* 328.

As concerning the firſt, we finde the 22 degree of the *Regall ſigne Leo* at that inſtant aſcending our *Horizon*, *Cor Leonis* in the *Aſcendent*: And the *Dragons*

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Head in the very *Cusp* thereof: And the *Sun* (*Lord* of the *First House*) not unfortunately posited in the *South Angle* of the Heavens: Which is the house of *Empire, Rule, Dignities, Offices, and Arts, &c.* And he environd with the two Benigne Planets *Jupiter* and *Venus*, who likewise behold the Ascendent and are free from any configuration with the *Malevolents*. These are evident and undeniable Testimonies of the *Honour* and *safety* of this famous *Vniversity and Citie of Oxford*; And of the *care* and vigilancy of those that are intrusted by his Majesty with the government thereof: Of the *Fidelity, Courage, Industry*, and necessary *Expence* of her *Inhabitants* for the *Defence* of it: And of their conformity to such wholsome *Orders*, as either are or shall hereafter be made by the Wisdome of the *Councellours* for the good and Benefit of the *City*.

In a word, All the good our hearts can wish for is promised us by the *Scheme*. I hope the seasonable care taken, and the Directions already given for prevention of the Sickness will adde very much to our happiness: Some strange kinde of Mortality must be expected this yeere in most Cities and great Townes, throughout the South, South-East, and South-West parts of this Kingdome: But especially let *London* be forewarned of her misery: She is much (and that deservedly) threatned. You may heare more of her after the 23 of *May* instant, for from thence doth the Influence of *Saturnes* Transite out of *Aries* into *Taurus* begin to operate.

As touching the second thing here considerable, which is the *tenth House*; we may observe the *ninth Degree* and 31 *min.* of *Taurus Culminating*, which is the *House* and *Triplicity* of *Venus*; wherein also she is most fortunately seated within 3 *Degrees* of the *Cusp* thereof, beholding the *Ascendent*, free from *Combustion*, or any configuration with the *Malevolent* Planets; being *Direct* and *Swift* of Motion, and *Orientall* of the *Sunne*: To her (therefore) may we justly attribute the signification of his *Maiesties Marteh*: Who being (by nature) Benevolent, by her *Essentiall* and *Accidentall* Position so fortunate: We cannot pronounce lesse to his *Maiesty*, and his whole Army, then a wonderfull *happy, prosperous* and *successefull Marteh*, And contrarily exceeding much *Feare* and *Terrour, dissipation* and utter *Ruine* to his *Enemies*.

The *Dragons Head* in the *Cusp* of the *Ascendent* tels us, "*Quod habebit bonum antequam se inde moveat, & in principio Itineris, Haly par.* 3. *pag.* 108". This was verified it part by that gullant Encounter with the Enemy, performed (with so good successe) by the Right Honourable the Lord *Goring* neere *Newbridge* the same leventh day; occasioned upon his *Maiesties* Motion hence.

The Generality of this good to his *Maiestie* and his Army, is further confirmed by the Powerfull presence of *Jupiter*, the *Sun*, and *Mercury* in the *South-angle*; and the unfortunate Posture of the *Moone* in the *Figure, &c.*

"*Artabari dixit: Si quando Rex, vel alius voluerit capere inimicum qui sit valoris minoris eo; statuat ☽ in ♂, aut ☌; vel in via combust. aut cum ☊, vel ♈, &c. Et sol sit salvus & purus ab infortuniis & in medio cœli sint fortunæ; Etiam si quando magis infortunata fuerit ☽ erit peius & maius damnum pro illo inimico, quia ☽ est significatrix Populi, &c. ac servorum, Haly, page* 340.

We have here (as before we noted) the *Sunne*, both the *Fortunes*, and *Mercu-*

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ly safely seated in the *Mid-heaven*: And the *Moone* (who naturally, (and in this case especially) signifieth the many-headed-monster *Multitude*, (such persons as in *January* 1641. tumultuously assembled themselves (to the hazard of his *Maiesties royall Person*) to cry for *Blood* in the Termes of *Justice*; those who through their pretended zeale to I know not what, have brought the curse of God upon themselves and the whole Kingdome, first by slaying the Innocent in cold Blood, and ever since by Engageing their Persons and estates in this most unnaturall and Bloody Warre against his *Maiesty*.) The *Moone*, I say, who is the naturall *significatrix* of such meane Capacities is in the *6 House* very *sick* (*Master Lilly*) and nigh to the *Dragons Tayle*. These Positions will puzle and stupifie the *misguided Commonalty*, and make them know theres such a thing as *Allegiance*.

More particularly; the *Sun* thus posited, and also *Mercury* being free from *Combustion* and the *Infortunes*; And the *Dragons head* so neere the *Cusps ascending*; " *Salvationem corporis, agilitatem, & gaudium in Itinere significant, bonamque fiduciam, & applicari ad id quod vult. Haly*, page 324. *Jupiters* Position in the 10 *House* confirmes the same. *Haly page* 328.

The *Moone* Lady of the 12, and moving betwixt the 8 degree, 34 min. and 21 degr. 26 min. of *Aquarius*, gives us to understand that His *Maiestie* shall receive much contentment by certaine *Messages* brought him from *Foraigne parts*; and that he shall receive some sudden and unexpected supply of by the meanes of some that assimulate the condition of his Enemies: and withall this comfort; That His *Maiesty* shall be exceeding successefull in besieging of Townes, Castles, or Forts, and in pursuing the Enemy. See *Haly*, *pa.* 346.

Mars his Sextile to the *Sunne Lord* of the *Ascendent*, (which happeneth the 18 day of *May*) will encourage our Souldiers to advance with much Alacrity and chearfulnesse of spirit; and to shew themselves gallant in the most dangerous attempts.

The *Ascendent* and tenth *house* being both *Fixed Signes*, tell us, That the Martch shall not be so speedy as is expected; but with great deliberation and care of setling the Affaires of the distracted Counties through which his *Maiestie* passeth. Yet the great dominion of *Mercury* doth intimate quick Action about the latter end of *June*, and the most part of *Iuly*. O! what snaffling there will be amongst the Zelots before the middle of *November*? How many dayes of Humiliation? what Feares? what Jealousies? what discontents and wranglings? what Murmurings? how many Lyes and Forgeries raised and dispersed to quicken a Dull and Dying Faction?

The next thing (in Order) which we are to consider, is, the Signe and degr. of the 7 *House*, which in this Scheme is the 22 degr. and 21 min. of *Aquarius*, the house of *Saturne*, but Terme of *Jupitur*, *Saturne* being in the 9 house of the Heavens in the end of *Aries*, and in a *Sextile* with the *Cusps* of the 7 House, and in a *Quartile* with *Mars*.

" *Si gradus 7 domus fuerit dignitas ♃ timebitur & honorabitur & credetur eius* " *verbis a gente illius Terræ ad quam vadit, & erit dilectus, a Gente Terræ ad quam vadit cum gaudio, et lætitiâ.*

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Here by the word *Gente* we muſt underſtand the *County* or *Counties* principally aymed at by His *Maieſty*. And this happy Reception is further atteſted by the propinquity of *Venus* to the *Sunne* as he is *Lord* of the *Aſcendent*, and in the Houſe of *Kings*, &c.

Aquarius being a fixed Signe, tels us that he ſhal not quickly remove thence, but remaine there ſome convenient time for the ſetling of ſome important Affaires, and a full reducing of thoſe Counties to their obedience.

If any man would be ſatisfied to what Quarter of the Heavens the deſigne is intended, although he may gueſſe ſomething by the Motion which the Army hath already made; yet he may informe his Judgement beſt by conſidering the Signes of the 4 *Angels*, *viz*. *Leo*, *Taurus*, *Aquarius*, and *Scorpio*, (which he ſhall find to be the one halfe *Northerne*, the other *Southern*; and alſo the Signs wherein the Planets are, viz. *Aries*, *Taurus*, *Gemini*, *Leo* and *Aquarius*, which are all of them (except the laſt wherein the *Moone* is) *Septentrionall*. Which will aſſuredly determine that the Progreſſe and principal Actions of this Army or the greateſt part thereof are like to be *Northerly*, inclining ſometimes to the *Eaſt*, otherwhiles to the *Weſt*, as the Occaſions of Warre require.

The fourth and laſt thing to be examined is the 4 Houſe: The *Cuſpe* whereof is the 9 degree and 31 min. of *Scorpio*, the moſt viperous ſigne of the *Zodiaque*; where *Mars* hath the *Dignities* of *houſe Triplicity* and *Decade*; But is unfortunately collocated in the 12 houſe of the *Figure*. This poſition of his ought to forewarne our *Commanders* to take heed of ſome Diſaſter immediately before His *Maieſty* betake him to his *Winter Quarters*. It ſeemes to be the beating up of an Out-quarter, and the ſurprizall of ſome few of our Men, who value their eaſe more then their ſafety: I will ſay no more: But I hope the Diligence and vigilancy of our Commanders may prevent the danger.

And now to ſum up all: It is moſt apparent to every impartiall and ingenuous Judgement; That (although His *Maieſty* cannot expect to be ſecured from every triviall diſaſter that may befall his Army, either by the too much preſumption, ignorance, or negligence of ſome particular perſons, which is frequently incident and unavoydably in the beſt of Armies) yet the ſeverall Poſitions of the Heavens duly conſidered and compared amongſt themſelves, as well in the prefixed *Scheme* as at the *Quarterly Ingreſſes*, doe generally render His *Maieſty* and his whole Army unexpectedly victorious and ſucceſſull in all his Deſignes: Beleeve it *(London)* thy miſeries approach, they are like to be many, great and grievous, and not to be diverted, unleſſe thou ſeaſonably crave pardon of *God* for being *Nurſe* to this preſent *Rebellion*, and ſpeedily ſubmit to thy Princes mercy: Which ſhall be the daily prayer of

Geo: Wharton.

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POSTSCRIPT.

Since the Impreſsion of the *Starry Meſſenger*, and before its publiſhing, I received an *Oxford* Pamphlet, to which I returne this Anſwer, and ſo ſend them both into the world together.

An *Examination* of an *Aſtrological* Judgement upon His Majeſties preſent Martch, begun from *Oxford*, 7. *May*, 1645. Set forth purpoſely by G. WHARTON to advance their declining condition, to impedite the Parliaments, and diſhearten the City and Citizens of LONDON.

WHile we divide, the Enemy unites; our factions prove their victories. *Wharton* in behalfe of our enemies appeares publikely, nay requeſted by perſonages of Honour (*per fas aut nefas*) whether he lie or not, ſo it advance, its no matter: are any ſo indulgent on our ſide, &c?

I muſt begin with his Epiſtle, wherein the Author profeſſes to deliver his Judgement in generall termes, and yet forgetfull, being not (*mendax memor*) a lyer of a good memory, he goes on in the whole diſcourſe, aſſigning and determining the ſucceſſe of his maieſties martch and his Army in particular words and termes, as appears, Fol. 4. line 20. 21. Fol. 5. line 10. Fol. 6. line 10. In all which places he proclaimes victory, upon victory to His Majeſtie, and not ſo much as the loſſe of one lowſe on their own party.

In the next place he ſoberly dehorts Maſter *Booker* and my ſelfe from adhearing to the Parliament, and tells a tale of a tubb, as of *Gauricus*, a certaine Prieſt, &c. That medled with the particular deſtiny of Princes, and were therefore well rewarded, and

ſo would he have Maſter *Booker* and mee, for publiſhing pernicious Pamphlets, as this man calls them.

Were I commanded, I would make it apparant, the Parliaments cauſe ſhall not want a Champion in Aſtrology to confute any thing in point of Art that can bee alleadged from the greateſt Clerks in *Oxford*.

God is on our ſide; the Conſtellations of Heaven after a while will totally appeare for the Parliament, and caſt terrour, horrour, amazement, and frights on all thoſe Dammee-Blades now in Armes againſt us, &c. But our Author in his Epiſtle goes on, and makes it evident, he hath read part of the laſt leafe in *Cardan*: whoſe words he recites, viz. Never tell a King of any danger neer unto him: then, its probable, we muſt ſay as *Ahabs* Prophets: *Go to Ramoth Gilead and proſper*: yes; ſo he did; for there the poor miſled King was ſlaine: I am Maſter *Wharton* ſo farre from your mind, that did I know any ſuddain danger neer to His Majeſtie. *I* would adventure to the hazard of my life through both Armies to give him warning, and ſo would maſter *Booker*.

Doe you Maſter *Wharton* read *Cardan* on the ſame ſide, and thereby rectifie your partiall Judgement. *In prædicendo, amoveas timorem, odium & amorem*: when you take upon you to prædict to a Prince (as you now in particuler do) neither ſpeak or write out of feare, hatred or love: and you might know what *Ptolomy* commaands, viz: that in every Judgement we beware of flattery and hatred, for that renders the Art fallible, and the Artiſt ſcandalous.

You are guilty in the breach of theſe Aphoriſmes, while you call our Parliament Rebels, and convert every Judgement to ſignifie victory to his Majeſty: and leave the end of His martch untoucht becauſe you love to ſpeak *Placentia*: for in truth the ſcheame it ſelf promiſes an unluckie end to your ſo fortunate and ſo much applauded martch. Doe but read *Goclenius in diſcurſu pro Aſtrolo*. Fol. 112. *Scotiæ reges fere omnes*: and a little further; *Anglorum fere reges omnes*; having peruſed thoſe words, deal plainly with the world, and thoſe Honourable perſonages at Oxford, which imploy you.

For his Majeſties Nativity, I thinke *Maſter Booker* and I have ſome other better imployments, we love not to take paines for ſo ſlight a reward as followes the handling the *Geneſis* of a Prince without His conſent: but get me publike licenſe, under His Majeſtie hand, and then *George*, have at any thing, elſe not.

His Majeſties Martch (as is ſuggeſted) began Wedneſday 7. May, 1645. 10. 32. A.M.

THe body of the diſcourſe intends two things principally; threatnings againſt the City of *London*, victories to His maieſtie, or confuſion to His Enemies, &c.

Not to play the Critick with this Univerſity Freſhman, or Cavill at his ignorance in collecting the debilities of *Venus* which he makes more then they are by placing her, in Coniunction with *Caput Algol*, whoſe Longitude is 20.54. Of *Taurus*, *vide Orig.* 175. Nor is *Mercury* debilitated by occidentallity: *Orig.* 540. Nor is *Venus* fortified by Orienlity, but debilitated: Honeſt *George* cannot yet get out of his Horn-book. I begin with his Aſtrologicall Judgement ſpued out againſt *London*, out of His Maieſties Martching figure: Fol. 4. line 3. *London is hereby forewarned of her miſery, and deſervedly hereby threatned.*

Lilly. Well may *George* have a great Whetſton, he well deſerves it; out of his owne words its lawfull to beate him, and ſo I will.

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Postscript.

That *Gemini* is the ascendant of the City of *London* all Authors agree, and *George* acknowledged in his first Progg.

That *Mercury* is Lord of that signe, and simply most strong in this present figure, its his owne words at this time.

Neither is the signe, or Lord thereof afflicted, but on the contrary the most Potent Planet in the figure, yea more dignifyed then *Sol* or *Venus*, he is in Conjunction with *Jupiter*, and in Trine with the *Moone* who translats the Light and Virtue of *Venus* to *Mercury*: now according to *George* his owne words, Fol. 3. These are undeniable testimonyes both of the safety and honour of this famous City and Citizens thereof, nor doth it in the least particle point out by this his Majestyes martch any danger, losse, misery, or accidents unto them; this Constellation foretells what fame and esteeme the Citizens hereof shall attaine, by being the Kingdomes Bulwarke against Tyranny and Oppression, by releeving the many thousands plundred and pillaged by his Majestyes forces: and that this city shall get into their power one time or other all their enemies, perhaps in a very short time, for we see *Mercury* disposeth of *Jupiter*: I seriously avow upon my reputation to the whole Kingdome, this Judgement I give, is, and will prove true according to the Scheame of heaven *Wharton* hath set, &c. Who prosecutes his story with many invectives alleadged without Art or Judgement, and last of all, invites me to the Combate, with these words, *The Moone is in the 6, very sick (Master Lilly) and neere the Dragons tayle, this will teach the Citizens their Allegiance.*

An Vtopian judgement Master *Wharton*, that the afflicted *moone* in the sixt should teach us slavery: Our obedience we well know, we have performed our Allegiance, untill necessity inforced us for the Defence of the Parliament and our owne greivances to stand in Armes, and ingage our persons for the Publique Good: but what is this to the thing in question. Master *Wharton* see to it, there hath beene one Eclips in *Leo*, there will be another the eleventh of *August*, Remember *George*. The last Vomit against the city is an imprecation, that unlesse they submit to their Princes mercy, he like one of *Baalls* Preists falsely propheseth such things unto them as cannot be diverted. But in what Apocripha he learned this Astrology, it appeares not to mee; no not out of quarterly Ingresses, which are signifycantly all averse to his majesty and that party.

Master *Wharton*, having left the City with a curse, begins with full Sayles to tell us: *All the good our hearts can wish for is promised by this Scheame*; Stay false prophet, your hearts wish every day for the City of *London*, and can never have it; he goes on, and tells *how his Majesty shall pursue his enemies, besiege Townes, Castles, Forts, Ruine us, have great successe in all his Designes: Cum multis aljis, &c.*

Lilly. This must needes be a happy election of time, or else *George* a stickling Prophet, for he pipes out nothing but victory for his maiesty: Be it granted, that the storming of *Leicester* hath in part verefied some part of this prediction, (and a little treason besides) yet I deny it was signifyed by this positure, or that the rest of this mans words shall have like successe: Nay, by position of *Mars* Lord of the fourth, in the twelfe, his Majesty shall not keepe that Town very long, or any else that he may take in this Prophetick martch, without infinite losse on his party: *Venus* in her house, doth assuredly tell us we shall keepe *Evesham* taken by plaine valour, and were it not for that accursed *Cauda* in *Aquarius* we should seldome be loosers, but be gayners, but Division and Treason have got an habit and live with us, and are your freinds, yea your onely freinds.

The figure doth at the begining promise successe, but the end of this martch will be unlucky, and foreshew some willfull obstinate Commanders on his Maiestyes side, will

afford us an absolute victory over you. *George* for pure love, I tell you, there is in the Army such as the trayterous Butcher in *Leicester*. But upon examination, I finde that the Sunne whom *George* magnifyes so much is in square to the Ascendant, in Coniunction with the *Virgilliæ*, twas no such prime time, observe the end, waite a few monthes, and consider if the Astrologer that elected this time for his Maiesty deserves not more punishment then *Master Booker* or *Lilly*: Herein *George* I will make you Judge, an honour you were never troubled with, nor are capable now, but that the thing is easie. See *Guido* Fol. 480. Whose words are: When you will elect a fit time for a King, &c. Let not the Sunne or Moone be unfortunate or the Sun in a feminine signe; let him have dignity where he is, the Sun in this scheame is totally unfortunate, so is the Moon an ill Omen (*George*) to his Maiesty that he will hardly keepe any thing he gets; *Oxford*, being (*Locus a quo*) is like to be safe awhile and the Judgement therein good, but you expose his Maiesty to infinite danger. Againe, see in the same Folio these words; Consider saith *Guido*, if in the same yeare there had beene or will be an Eclips, and in all elections avoide that signe, and let the two Lights be in Trine or Sextill, the more fortunate the Lights are, so much the better, and so the Contrary.

It is knowne there was a *Lunar* Eclips in *January* in *Leone*, the effects thereof began in *April*, Continue till the end of *June*, &c. That very Degree wherein the Eclips was, have you elected to be the Ascendant of his Maiestie and his Armyes march: In *August* there is a *Solar* Eclips, &c. In this figure the *Moone* applyes to a square of the Sun in fixed signes: Beleeve mee, heare is no continuance of your successes, not the taking of so many Towns, Forts, or Castles, or such routing of our Armyes, as you *Master VVharton* delude the world with. He was none of his Maiestyes Freinds, that gave Direction for this marrtch; the sequell will tell you so, ere you returne to your winter quarters if any be left for you, Keep Leicester if you can, July may give it us againe.

After some evacuated Chollar, *VVharton* bursts out for very ioy into these wordes, *Oh what snuffling there will be amongst the Zelots, before the middle of November.* He goes on and derides our humiliation, &c. Do so still and prosper; God will not be mocked, whose Cause we doe maintaine, though I confesse not as it ought to be.

But let me tell you, such shall be our victories before the time limited by you be halfe come, that me thinks I hear the many accursed oaths the dam-boyes spue out both against God and man. Oh what sculking, sneaking, running into Corners, mouse-holes, sawpits, Cunny berries, tossing and tumbling the ungodly out of one County into another, doe I foresee: face about Gentlemen sayes one for our honour, as you did at *Newberry*, that is with a good pair of heeles, or alls lost say I; Oh the way to *Bristoll*, from thence to *Excester*, then into *Cornewall*, thence into a safe harbour, if any can bee found for Malignants, Now Master *VVharton* I leave you, till again provoked by a more able Astrologer, and I desire you to get into your Accidence against the publishing of the next Journall or else you will be stript out of the remainder of the Prerogative Astrology by Master *Booker* in his next *Almanack*; to the totall confusion, and dishonour of the Vniversity that suffer so weak an Artist to be their Standard-bearer; but money and Learning are equally plentifull in *Oxford*.

12. *June* 1645. WILLIAM LILLY.